

THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART  
QUESTIONNAIRE

October 15, 1957

Dear Miss Balzer:

We are trying to build a biographical record of Cleveland Artists for reference. May we enlist your assistance with the following data?

FULL NAME: MARY CATHERINE BALZER

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 1931, MOUNTAIN LAKE, MINNESOTA

ART TRAINING - Schools, Scholarships, etc.:

CARLETON COLLEGE, NORTHFIELD, MINN. - A.B. DEGREE - ART MAJOR  
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA - GRADUATE WORK IN PAINTING AND PRINTMAKING  
CRANBROOK ACADEMY OF ART - M.F.A. DEGREE - WEAVING MAJOR

EXHIBITIONS IN WHICH YOUR WORK HAS BEEN SHOWN:

STUDENT SHOWS AT 3 SCHOOLS LISTED ABOVE

MICHIGAN ARTIST-CRAFTSMEN - DETROIT ART INSTITUTE

YOUNG AMERICANS-YOUNG SCANDINAVIANS - MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY CRAFTS, N.Y.

MIDWEST DESIGNER-CRAFTSMEN - CHICAGO ART INSTITUTE

FACULTY SHOW - CLEVELAND ART INSTITUTE

MAY SHOW - CLEVELAND MUSEUM

CLEVELAND DESIGNER-CRAFTSMEN - AKRON ART INSTITUTE

TEXTILE SHOW - BALL STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE, MUNCIE, IND.

ONE-MAN SHOW - CARLETON COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

COLLECTIONS WHICH NOW INCLUDE YOUR WORK:

AWARDS:

3RD PRIZE: YOUNG-AMERICANS-YOUNG SCANDINAVIANS

SPECIAL AWARD: MAY SHOW

PRESENT POSITION:

WEAVING INSTRUCTOR, CLEVELAND INSTITUTE OF ART

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We would greatly appreciate it if you would inform us of subsequent awards, purchases, exhibitions and scholarships. Thank you for your cooperation.

*Ann Zutscher*  
Assistant in Paintings



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THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART  
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May 18, 1960

Dear Mrs. Buskirk:

We are trying to build a biographical record of Cleveland Artists for reference. May we enlist your assistance with the following data?

(please check your file for my record as Mary Catherine Balzer)

FULL NAME: Mary Balzer Buskirk

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: Mountain Lake, Minnesota, 1931

ART TRAINING - Schools, Scholarships, etc:

Carleton College, Northfield, Minn. A.B. Degree  
U. of Minnesota  
Cranbrook Academy of Art - MFA Degree

EXHIBITIONS IN WHICH YOUR WORK HAS BEEN SHOWN:

Medium: weaving

Cleveland May Show 1957, 58, 60

Cleveland Inst. of Art Faculty Exhibitions and Textile Show 1960

Detroit Art Inst. : Michigan Designer Craftsmen 1956, 60

Mus. of Contemp. Crafts: Young Americans 1956, 59

Fibers, Tools and Weaves 1960

Wichita Gallery: Decorative Arts 1958, 59, 60

St. Paul Gallery: Fiber-Clay-Metal 1957, 59

U. of Nebraska: Contemporary Handweaving III

Chicago Art Institute: Midwest Designer-Craftsmen

Joslyn Museum: Midwest Designer-Craftsmen

Grand Rapids, Mich. Gallery: Textile Show 1960

Michigan State Univ.: Midwest Designer-Craftsmen

Brooks Gallery, Memphis: Mississippi River Craftsmen 1959

COLLECTIONS WHICH NOW INCLUDE YOUR WORK:

Joslyn Museum, Omaha, Nebraska

Brooks Memorial Gallery, Memphis, Tennessee

private collections

AWARDS:

Cleveland May Show 1957, 58

Michigan Artist-Craftsmen 1960

Mississippi River Crafts 1959

Wisconsin Craftsmen's Fair 1958

Young Americans 1956

Midwest Designer-Craftsmen

1959

Contemporary Handweaving III

PRESENT POSITION:

Part-time instructor, Cleveland Institute of Art

(I will be moving from Cleveland to California this summer)

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*Ann Roubshlee*  
Assistant in Paintings



## Mary Balzer Buskirk

Born at Mountain Lake, Minnesota in 1931, Mrs Buskirk received her training at Carleton College, The University of Minnesota and her M.F.A. from Cranbrook Academy of Art.

Mrs Buskirk's weaving has been exhibited in numerous galleries throughout the Midwest. Among these number the Cleveland Museum of Art, The Detroit Art Institute, The Chicago Art Institute, The St Paul Gallery, The Wichita Gallery, etc.

Her work is included in the collections of the Joselyn Museum in Omaha, The Brooks Memorial Gallery in Memphis and in numerous private collections.

~~Among the exhibitions at which Mrs~~  
Exhibitions at which Mrs. Buskirk has been honored with awards for weaving are the Cleveland Museum May Show, Michigan Artist-Craftsman, the Mississippi River Crafts Show, Wisconsin Craftsmen's Fair, Young Americans exhibit, Midwest Designer-Craftsman and



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September 1960 \_\_\_\_\_

January 1961 \_\_\_\_\_

October 1960 \_\_\_\_\_

February 1961 \_\_\_\_\_

November 1960 \_\_\_\_\_

March 1961 \_\_\_\_\_

December 1960 \_\_\_\_\_

April 1961 \_\_\_\_\_

May 1961 \_\_\_\_\_

Place and name of exhibitor (full address)

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Contemporary Hand weaving.

At present Mrs Buskirk is a  
part-time instructor at Cleveland Institute  
of Art.



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